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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examining this application, amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, immediately below the title, insert the following paragraph "This application is a DIV of United States application no. 09/148,680, filed September 4, 1998, which is a CON of PCT/EP97/01141, filed March 6, 1997."

Remove original Sequence Listing pages 36-43 and renumber the remaining pages. Insert substitute Sequence Listing pages 36-43 submitted herewith after the abstract renumbered as pages 40-47.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 3-8 and 10-14.